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January 24, 2013

Senator Pat Steadman Chair, Joint Budget Committee 200 East 14th Avenue, Third Floor Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Senator Steadman:

The SMART Government Act allows a committee of reference to make formal recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) regarding state departments' budgets, based on the committee's hearings with their assigned departments. The Senate Judiciary Committee met on January 23, 2013, to discuss recommendations to the JBC per the SMART Government Act. At its meeting, the committee made the following recommendation regarding the Department of Correction's budget.

The committee requests that the Joint Budget Committee expand the membership of the State Board of Parole, preferably to double its current size. The committee requests that the JBC fund this increase in membership from savings that occur as the result of more paroles.

Sincerely.

Senator Lucia Guzman, Chair Senate Judiciary Committee

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